

Workgroup Ground Rules

1. The primary goal of each workgroup is to come up with recommendations for controlling and/or reducing emissions from their specific source categories. These recommendations are due back to the Department by September 30th. The workgroups are also charged with providing the Department with feedback regarding the data presented today, which is used by the Department in determining significant emission sources. The workgroups are encouraged to provide any additional data or information available to ensure that we are all working with the most up-to-date information as we develop emission source controls.
2. All ideas are valid and everything suggested will be considered by the workgroups. Similarly, all recommendations made by the workgroups will be considered by the Department; however, some recommendations to the Department may not ultimately be adopted or implemented as control measures.
3. Due to time constraints, please limit discussion to the topic of interest of the workgroup.
4. While we do need to confirm the sources responsible for emissions of the pollutants of concern, the workgroup sessions will be most productive if we work together to develop solutions rather than point fingers or assign blame.
5. Control measure recommendations may include non-regulatory and non-traditional ideas, as well as innovative approaches. Suggestions on new technology that might be viable are also welcome. In addition, workgroups can recommend the expansion/enhancement of existing New Jersey rules to increase the emission reductions achieved through rule implementation and compliance.
6. Comments on pending Department rule proposals should be submitted during the public comment period in accordance with the public notice for that specific proposal and the New Jersey Administrative Procedures Act and will not be entertained by the workgroups.
7. The Department is not at liberty to discuss any ongoing or pending litigation against the State or the Department as part of the workgroups.
8. Any concerns regarding specific permit or enforcement actions will be referred to the appropriate NJDEP program person and will not be entertained by the workgroups.
9. The federal standards are the standards in effect at this time, and as such, attaining those standards is the goal of each workgroup. The control measures recommended by the workgroups must be designed to address the current federal standards. Changes to the federal standards are not within the purview of the Department and will not be entertained by the workgroups.
10. The federal USEPA has promulgated, or is in the process of promulgating, National rules and policies that will affect 8-hour ozone and fine particulate matter pollutants and their precursors (e.g., CAIR, NSR, Mercury rule). These federal actions, while of interest, are not to the subject of the workgroups.